



Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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Fortnightly Newsletter: Monday 13th October 2025

You can also see more information about us on our school website: www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk
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Worship

Thank you to Swifts who led us in Worship on Wednesday this past week. They told us the story of Isaac, from his miraculous beginning to the foreshadowing of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

This week we look forward to Robins leading us in worship on Wednesday at 9am in church. Theirs will be on the theme of Joseph and his Mean Brothers. All welcome.

Reading

Thank you for the renewed commitment to reading more at home with your child, it really does make a difference to their learning.

We know that reading is a crucial skill, and children who can read proficiently and who read widely benefit enormously. In school we teach children phonics from Reception (with Little Lennies Nursery preparing for phonics) and read daily in class. We ask that **children read at home at least three times per week** and sign in your child's reading record/homework diary. In KS2, this should include using ReadingPlus, our interactive reading platform.



Parents'/Carers' Evening

We hope that you can join us for the Autumn Parents'/Carers' Evenings on Wednesday 15th October (Reception) or Thursday 16th October (Y1-6) from 3:45pm to 7:15pm (Please note available times for some teachers may differ).

Appointment bookings will need to be made via Arbor therefore please make sure that you are registered (See below for details).

The bookings facility will close at noon the day before each date.

Cauliflower Cards - Christmas Project

Once again this year, we will be raising funds for school by offering you the opportunity to have your child's artwork turned into professionally created cards, mugs, wrapping paper, notebooks and more.



You will receive your child's artwork and details of how to order on **Thursday 23rd October**.

Orders must be placed online by **10th November** at the latest.

Appointment absence during term time

We understand that this isn't always possible but can we please remind you that unless absolutely necessary, appointments should be made outside of school time.

Holiday absence during term time

We have had a huge increase in the number of Leave of Absence requests for holidays during term time. Please do everything you can to avoid taking children out of school as this comes at a cost to your child's education. Please see our attendance policy on the website for information regarding penalty notices which may be issued if a pupil has had 5 school days (10 sessions) lost to unauthorised absence during the current term or 7 school days (14 sessions) in 2 consecutive terms. A holiday form must also be completed at least **2 weeks** prior to the start of the absence to avoid a penalty notice being issued.

During the Spring Term, a total of **607.5 days** of school was missed by children for different reasons.

Please avoid holidays and planned appointments in term time - days off soon add up to a lot of missed learning.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Half Term Sports Club - Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th October



Key PE will be running a holiday club during the October half term holidays. This will run from Tuesday 28th October Thursday 30th October.

If you would like to book a place please contact them directly by clicking [here](#).

Charity Ambassadors

Thank you so much for all the Harvest Donations for Nightsafe.



Online Safety Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new Online Safety Ambassadors for this year! They have made a tremendous start, working extremely hard in discussing and creating our weekly Online Safety Top Tips.

The children are working alongside BE-WEB Safe in promoting the vital skills our children need to stay safe when online. This week the children will be testing the classes on their knowledge and understanding of the key aspects of online safety.

This week's Online Safety Top Tips are linked to the 4 aspects we follow as a school (SAFE).

A poster titled 'Online Safety Tips' with a green leafy border at the top. On the left, a photo of six children in school uniforms is captioned 'MEET OUR ONLINE AMBASSADORS' and 'SER, ABIGALE, HEIDI, EMILIA, MAEVE, MAX, THEO AND SAM'. The poster lists four aspects: Safe (Don't share location, passwords or any personal information), Educated (Everything you do needs to be done for a reason. Think before you click.), Appropriate (Only use kind words but if you see something inappropriate report it to your adult. Only go on age-related sites.), and Friendly (Be a role model showing kindness and remember whatever you do online stays online. Speak to an adult if someone is being mean.). It also includes a USB icon and the text 'Stay safe online!' with a school crest and a footprint icon.

St. Leonard's Day - Friday 17th October!



Non-Uniform Day to take place on Friday 17th October

Bake Sale and Competition – create a bake that represents St. Leonard and St. Leonard's School: there will be two categories 1) a large cake 2) cupcakes. The winners will be chosen and the bakes will then be available for the children to choose one in the afternoon.

A £2 donation includes the non-uniform day and purchase of a cake. Payment can be made via Arbor.

Stained Glass Window Competition – a template will be sent home on Friday 17th October to design a stained-glass window that reflects our St. Leonard's School and Church (all children will have already drawn a stained-glass window to represent St Leonard as part of the day's celebration so they will know how to do this at home). There will be a winner from the Infants and a winner from the Juniors which will be judged by ourselves and Father Mike over the half term holidays. The winners will have their design sketched on to large card and painted. It will then be displayed in the Church, eventually being moved into school. The cost to enter this competition will be £2 - **payment can be made via Arbor**. The closing date for entries is Thursday 23rd October.

We hope you will enjoy celebrating St. Leonard with us and join us in supporting our school church.

Many thanks,

Tilly, Toby and Isaac – Y6 Senior Worship Leaders.

PE and Sports

We have been awarded Gold School Games award (next step is to achieve the Platinum Award!) and we were awarded 1st place for the highest participation of events in the Ribble Valley.

Cross country - A brilliant performance from all of our participating children on Monday last week at the Cross Country event. Boys A team placed third and Reggie came first of all the boys in the Ribble Valley!!! Lots of the children who placed in the top 25 are invited to the East Lancs Finals.

Football -

Our A team played in the first round of the EFTL Kids cup on Monday 29th October. They won their group conclusively, with a huge amount of goals scored. They will now go forward to the next round of the cup at Accrington Stanley in November. We were very proud of their performance.

Our girls' football team has also been in action at the Ribble Valley Girls' tournament. After a series of nailbiting penalty shoot outs, they were awarded 3rd place. Well done Girls!



Coming Up: (Events and Intents)

- Year 5/6 Bee Stingers Netball- Tuesday 21st October - 4-6pm - To develop and practice various netball skills and to work as a team to achieve a common goal.



Young Voices 2025 at Co-op Live, Manchester, Friday 13th February 2025.

This year we are delighted to offer our year 6 pupils the opportunity to take part in the Young Voices concert at the Co-op Live arena in Manchester. A letter will come home in the next few days with further details.

Parents, carers, family and friends are all welcome to purchase tickets to come and watch this amazing concert. Tickets are on sale only from the Young Voices website and we are told that **they sell out very quickly. We advise you to buy your tickets as soon as possible.**

Below is a link to join the **Young Voices Music Room**. Through this link you will be able to purchase tickets and t-shirts. Tickets and shirts cannot be ordered through school. The link for the Music Room will also be published on our school website (Y6 page).

[Young Voices Music Room for parents](#)

Official Young Voices T-shirts may be worn in place of your child's plain white polo shirt for the concert and are available to purchase only on the YV website. Please note that the Young Voices T-shirts are **not compulsory**.

Reception September 2026

Is your child due to start Reception class in September 2026?

If so, we have arranged the following tours. Please contact the school office on 01254 247156 if you would like to book a place on one of the tours during the school day. If you would like to attend the open evening, please feel free to just turn up. Due to time constraints, we are unfortunately unable to offer individual tours.

Open mornings are being held on the following dates. There will be a tour at 9.30am and another at 10.15am:

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Wednesday 12th November 2025

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

School transport 

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



lancashire.gov.uk 

Lancashire
County Council 

Trainers

Please remember that trainers are only to be worn as part of the PE kit on the days that your child has PE. They should not be worn on any other days.

Parking

Please remind all those who may drop off or collect your child about parking around school.

Mytton Fold very kindly allow us to use the back car park for pick up and drop off. Please do not park on the driveway up to Mytton Fold and please make use of the footpath to arrive at the crossing on Whalley Road.

The **Community Centre**, the **Church grounds** and the **road towards the Community Centre** are all **private property** and not to be used at all for parking **must not be used** for parking at either drop off or collection.

Language

Please be mindful of the language used on school grounds. We have been made aware of a few instances of bad language recently, which is of course not appropriate for a primary school setting. Please also be reminded of our Managing Unacceptable Behaviour of Parents/Carers and Visitors policy, shared at the start of the year and available on our website.






[Langho and Billington St Leonards Church of England Primary School - Useful Information](#)

Headlice

We've had a few cases of headlice in school. Please could you check your child's hair and treat if needed.

Many thanks!

Winter Menu - Starting on Week 3 after the October holiday.

<p><u>WINTER MENU 2025</u></p>	<p><u>MONDAY</u></p> 	<p><u>TUESDAY</u></p> 	<p><u>WEDNESDAY</u></p> 	<p><u>THURSDAY</u></p> 	<p><u>FRIDAY</u></p> 
<p><u>WEEK ONE</u> (17th - 21st November) (8th-12th December)</p>	<p>Mandy's Sugo Pasta with Breadsticks, Salad or Peas</p> <p>Baked potato with choice of filling</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Chicken Sausage & Mash Served with Mixed Vegetables</p> <p>Vegan Sausage & Mash served with Mixed Vegetables</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>British Roast dinner with all the trimmings</p> <p>Vegetarian Bake/Roast</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Chicken Curry Served with Mixed Rice, Peas/Sweetcorn & Naan Bread</p> <p>(Vegetarian option available)</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza Served with Oven Baked Chips or Salad</p> <p>Harry Ramsdens Breaded Fish Served with Chips & Peas</p> <p>Treat of the week</p>
<p><u>WEEK TWO</u> (24th- 28th November) (15th-19th December)</p>	<p>Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Served with Bread & Peas</p> <p>Baked potato with choice</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Meat & Potato Pie served with Red Cabbage and fresh bread.</p> <p>Quorn option available</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>British Roast dinner with all the trimmings</p> <p>Vegetarian Bake/Roast</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Chilli Con Carne Served with Mixed Rice, Peas/Sweetcorn & Tortilla Wraps</p> <p>(Vegetarian Option Available)</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Red Tractor Beef Burger Served in A Bun with Chips & Salad</p> <p>Linda McCartney Vegan Burger Served with Chips & Salad</p> <p>Treat of the week</p>
<p><u>WEEK THREE</u> (1st-5th December)</p>	<p>Hot Pot Bean Bake Served with Savoury Rice & Tortilla Wraps</p> <p>Baked potato with choice of filling</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Meatballs in A Rich Tomato Sauce Served with Potato Wedges</p> <p>Quorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce, Served with Potato Wedges</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>British Roast dinner served with Mash potatoes and seasonal vegetables.</p> <p>(Vegetarian option available)</p> <p>Vegetarian Bake</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Chinese Chicken with Mixed Rice Served with Peas/Sweetcorn</p> <p>Quorn Chicken Served with Mixed Rice, Peas/Sweetcorn & Tortilla Wraps</p> <p>Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Rotating Chicken Shack, Served with Chips & Salad</p> <p>(Vegetarian Option Available)</p> <p>Treat of the week</p>

Seasonal vegetables and fruit served daily

Yoghurt and water available daily

Fruit juice and milk served once per week

One non-confectionery treat served once per week

Bread available daily

Limited jackets and sandwiches will be available on the hatch every day

Jacket potato fillings: Cheese, tuna or beans

Roast dinner meat will differ (Chicken or Beef)

FLu Vaccinations - 5th November 2025

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow the link below to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/0826698f> (The link expires on the 27th October 2025)

The vaccinations will take place here in school on the 5th of November (PM). If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please complete a 'No' form. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 2 option 2.

IntraHealth

NHS
Lancashire (inc. Blackburn & Darwen)
School Aged Immunisation Service

**Your child can be a
Real Life Superhero!
Protect your
Friends And Family
Against
FLU.**

ST LEONARDS CofE PRIMARY & NURSERY

Vaccination Date: WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

To complete a consent or refusal form online,
Please scan the QR code:

For any queries... Call: 0333 358 3397 Option 2, Option 2
Email: team.lancashire@intrahealth.co.uk

To find out more about the flu vaccine, please scan the following:
Info available in multiple languages

Late collections after school

Please note that school finishes at 3.30pm and your children must be collected **promptly** after this time. A number of children are having to be taken to the office on a regular basis due to not being collected on time. The teaching staff and office staff are not always available to stay to look after children that are not collected on time and have missed meetings and appointments having to do so.

If you require after school care, please contact Mrs Kemp at Coolkidz. [Cool Kidz @ Langho - Community Futures](#)

Can you please make sure you collect your children on time. Thank you for your cooperation.



ARBOR MIS - including Parent Portal and Parent App

We are excited to announce that we are now using a new Management Information System (MIS), which enables parents to login to the system and view information regarding their own children. It also offers a Parent App that can be used for communications and payments amongst other things.

Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and, in time, bring all core school data and workflows into one system.

We would like to invite all our parents to familiarise themselves with ARBOR using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of. These can all be found [here](#).

Please note that initially, not all functions will be available. As and when we adopt certain functions in the system, parents and guardians will be informed.

To activate your account please log in to <https://login.arbor.sc> using the email address that is registered with school. You will then need to set a password by clicking on the 'forgot password' link.





If you have any queries please contact the school office on 01254 247156.

The Parent App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.

As with all new systems, we are bound to experience some teething troubles and kindly ask that you be patient with us!

Many thanks

This Fortnight's Attendance

 Year Group	% Attendance this fortnight
 Reception	100
 Year 5	100
 Year 2	97.7

Motor Neurone Disease

On Saturday the 18th October 2025, Mike will be running the Amsterdam Mini Marathon, to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Mike's Opa (grandad) passed away from MND on the 9th October 2023 at the age of only 66.



Earlier this year, Mike's dad ran the London and Leeds Marathon for #TeamMnd, and in October he will be taking on both Chicago and Amsterdam in one week! Mike would like to follow his footsteps and raise money in his grandad's memory.



This will be Mike's first international run, and it will be extra special with it being in Holland, the country his grandad is from.

If anyone would like to sponsor Mike, please check out his just giving page

Thank you,

Mike & Family

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mike-moss-for-opa>

AUTUMN 1

Wed 15th Oct	9:00am - ROBINS lead Worship in church Reception Parents' Evening (booking will open at 6pm on Wednesday 1st October via your Arbor login)
Thur 16th Oct	Y1-6 Parents' Evening (booking will open at 6pm on Wednesday 1st October via your Arbor login)
Fri 17th Oct	St. Leonard's Day! (Non-uniform day to raise funds for St. Leonard's church) Wrens A Swimming 6/6
Thu 23rd Oct	2:45pm Reception Autumn Concert 3:30pm SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

AUTUMN 2

Mon 3rd Nov	8:40am School re-opens
Tue 4th Nov	School in Action - New Reception 2026 Starter Tours 9:30 and 10:15 (Please contact the school office to book)
Wed 5th Nov	Flu Vaccinations in school
Fri 7th Nov	Non-Uniform Day for Fancy Goods for Christmas Fair Hampers Wrens B Swimming 1/6
Mon 10th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Tue 11th Nov	Remembrance Day
Wed 12th Nov	9:00am - OWLS - lead Worship in church School in Action - New Reception 2026 Starter Tours 9:30 and 10:15 (Please contact the school office to book)
Fri 14th Nov	Wrens B Swimming 2/6
Wed 19th Nov	9:00am - KINGFISHERS - lead Worship in church
Fri 21st Nov	Wrens B Swimming 3/6
Tue 25th Nov	Pantomime - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wed 26th Nov	Pantomime - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
Fri 28th Nov	Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate for the Christmas Fair Wrens B Swimming 4/6
Wed 3rd Dec	9:00am - HERONS - lead Worship in church
Fri 5th Dec	CHRISTMAS FAIR! Wrens B Swimming 5/6
Wed 10th Dec	Early Years Nativity Performances (10:30am and 2:30pm) - Further details to be announced.

Fri 12th Dec	Wrens B Swimming 6/6
Tue 16th Dec	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Performances (2:30pm and 5:30pm) - Further details to be announced.
Wed 17th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Fri 19th Dec	1:30pm School closes for Christmas Holidays



Wilpshire Wanderers U4, U5 & U6



Wilpshire Wanderers Football Club
Invites you to join our U4's, U5's and U6's group at Salesbury
Memorial Hall Facility
Sessions run each Saturday, 08:30-09:30am

Contact

Enquiries at enquiries@wilpshirewanderers.co.uk

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*"Great facilities, family friendly
environment. We felt welcomed
and our lads enjoyed the
sessions delivered by
passionate coaches"*

